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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN REACTION TO PREPCON II

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON
OCTOBER 21 PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE SAID HE HAD TALKED
WITH LEADER ALGERIAN DELEGATION TO PREPCON II (AIT CHAALAL)
NGITH BEFORE AND LATTER HAD EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH US
DELEGATION ATTITUDE AT CONFERENCE. HE HOPED THIS POSITIVE
TREND WOULD CONTINUE, EVEN IF WE HAD DIFFERENCES.

2. ATHERTON SAID WE ALSO PLEASED WITH OUTCOME. STAGE
NOW SET FOR COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE. HE MOST IMPRESSED
WITH REMARK OF INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO HAD SAID TIME
HAD COME TO CONFRONT PROBLEMS, NOT NATIONS.

3. ATHERTON ADDED THAT SECRETARY HAD HOPED UNDER SECRETARY
ROBINSON WOULD BE ABLE COME HERE AFTER PREPCON BUT LATTER
HAD TO RETURN TO MOSCOW INSTEAD. HE MIGHT BE ABLE MAKE
SUCH A VISIT BEFORE END OF YEAR, HOWEVER. BOUMEDIENE
SAID HE WOULD BE WELCOME. WE NEEDED DISCUSS ECONOMIC
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PROJECTS AND USG'S LNG POLICY. CONTRACTS WERE FOREVER

BEING SIGNED WITH US COMPANIES AND EVERYTHING WAS FINE
UNTIL THEY GOT TO FPC, WHERE EVERYTHING THEN CAME UNSTUCK.
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